Availability of improved seeds for pluses and oilseeds

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether in order to increase the production of oilseeds and pulses any provision has been made by Government to provide improved seeds to the farmers in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the provision alongwith the names and quantum of seeds of the said produces provided during 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003, in the country under the said provision, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) and (b) Under Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) and National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) to increase the production of oilseeds and pulses, there are some components like production of breeder seed, foundation seed and distribution of certified seed and seed minikits and seed village programme for certified seed production which provide improved seeds to the farmers in the country. Under the above schemes the quantity of suitable varieties of improved seeds of oilseeds namely, groundnut and soyabean and pulses crops namely, gram, peas and lentil distributed to the farmers during the last 3 years is as under :

(Quantity in quintals)

Year	Oilseeds	Pulses
2000-2001	795508	187539.13
2001-2002	397729	68388.905
2002-2003	434556.21 (April 2002 to Feb. 2003)	46956.18 (April to December, 2002)

Similarly, seed minikits of oilseeds and pulses distributed to the farmers during the above period is as under :

(Minikits in Nos.)

Year	Oilseeds	Pulses
2000-2001	478334	132492
2001-2002	504987	436655
2002-2003	672903	375203

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